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Viewing cable 07NEWDELHI847, GOI EXPOUNDS UPON ITS BURMA POLICY AFTER RECEIVING

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
07NEWDELHI847	2007-02-20 13:36	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy New Delhi

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Classified By: Political Counselor Ted Osius for reasons 1.4 (b and d)

1. (C) PolCouns delivered reftel demarche to Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Joint Secretary (Bangladesh, Burma, Sri Lanka and the Maldives) -After a period of limited interaction with Burma because of its poor human rights and governance records, pressure from Indian insurgent groups -Indian officials are "pushing Burma at every available moment" to accelerate their National Convention road map and include minorities in the -Given the reluctance of Bangladesh to grant India transit rights, Burma represents the only viable alternative for linking the isolated north -There is an active and vocal opposition to India's renewed engagement with Burma, most notably the Caucus of India Democracy within Parliament ----- GOI continues to deny providing the Burmese junta with military supplies -----
2. (C) In a 15 February meeting with the MEA Joint Secretary responsible for Burma, PolCouns highlighted USG concerns regarding the GOI's grc ----- "Perhaps Burma is our Pakistan" -----
3. (C) Kumar said that the GOI's current policy of engagement with Burma was absolutely necessary as "The ULFA guys hiding in Burma are screaming" ----- "The GOI continues to push them at every opportunity" -----
4. (C) Kumar noted that there is a serious debate in Parliament regarding the GOI's policy of engagement with Burma. "I have the Indian Parliament Democracy in Burma breathing down my neck," he stated. He also emphasized that the GOI "continues to push (the Burmese junta) at every opportunity" ----- GOI's interest revolves around ULFA, not oil -----
5. (C) The Joint Secretary reiterated that the USG needs to understand that the ULFA violence is driving the Indo-Burma relationship and conflict
6. (C) COMMENT: Kumar agreed with our message that India could exert a positive influence on the Burmese regime, and claimed India pushes "MULFORD